

This comment is directed towards CC Docket No. 01-346 regarding Verizon's proposed termination of Type 3A interconnection service.

As a one-way paging provider located in a rural area in the Appalachian region, the decision by Verizon to eliminate the ability of the public to utilize the Wide Area Calling within the LATA is detrimental to the users. Governmental, commercial, and individual users have utilized this structure anywhere in the wireless providers extended service area within a LATA.

The only options open by Verizon after elimination of this service would result in long distance charges for users where none had been experienced before, confusion in "local" calling areas, and ultimately a loss to the current customer base by the wireless carriers.

In our particular rural location, travel throughout the LATA to acquire services and for service providers is essential. Personnel accessing wireless services would not only experience number changes but also toll calling changes that are internal to the LATA.

For the above reasons, we strongly protest the elimination of services Verizon is proposing.

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